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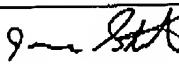
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I.A. Filing Date: September 23, 2005

Entitled: HOLDING DEVICE FOR CONNECTING A GAS MASK TO A PROTECTIVE HELMET

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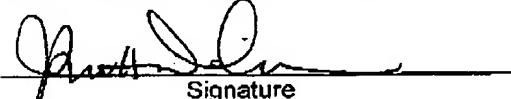
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Date: September 1, 2005

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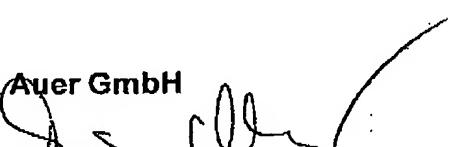
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**ASSIGNMENT of U.S. and Foreign Patent Rights**

Attorney Docket: 2665-0002

(Inventors)      **SCHMIDTKE, Klaus;**  
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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree to assign, and hereby do assign, transfer and set over to MSA Auer GmbH ("MSA"), a corporation of Germany, having an office and place of business at Thiemannstraße 1, 12059 Berlin, Germany, the undersigned's entire right, title and interest in the invention, all applications filed therefor for patent in the United States and in foreign countries, and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and in foreign countries, known as:

(Title)      **HOLDING DEVICE FOR CONNECTING A GAS MASK TO A PROTECTIVE HELMET**

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The undersigned acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to MSA at the time the invention was made.

The undersigned agree to execute all papers and documents necessary in connection with the application or any interference which may be declared and any continuing or divisional applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as MSA may deem necessary or expedient and further to perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

The undersigned agree to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of valid United States and corresponding foreign patents to MSA.

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